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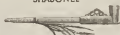
THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE.

'In Paradise the Tree  
Of Knowledge was the pride ;  
By God's supreme decree,  
The man who eat, then died.

But Heaven in mercy since  
Does him who tastes forgive ;  
To know is no offence :  
Now, he who eats, shall live.'

HENRY STEVENS of Vermont, FSA, &c  
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GUACANAGARI	PONTIAC	BLACK HAWK
MONTEZUMA	CAPTAIN PIPE	KEOKUK
QUATIMOTZIN	LOGAN	SACAGAWEA
POWHATAN	CORNPLANTER	BENITO JUAREZ
POCAHONTAS	JOSEPH BRANT	MANGUS
SAMOSET	RED JACKET	COLORADAS
MASSASOIT	LITTLE TURTLE	LITTLE CROW
KING PHILIP	TECUMSEH	SITTING BULL
UNCAS	OSCEOLA	CHIEF JOSEPH
TEDYUSKUNG	SEQUOYA	GERONIMO
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*Massachuset's-Bay in New-England :*

AND THE

CHIEF SACHEMS

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Several INDIAN TRIBES, with other CHIEF  
MEN of the said Tribes,

At FALMOUTH, in CASCO-BAY, in *New-Eng-  
land*, July 1732. Annoq; Regni Regis GEORGII  
Secundi, Magnæ Britannix, &c. Sexto.

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<p><i>Edewakenk</i>, Chief Sachem of the <i>Penobscut</i>  <i>Loron</i>, one of the Chief Captains of the same  <i>Toxus</i>, Chief Sachem of the <i>Norridgewock</i>  <i>Adiawando</i>, Chief Sachem of the <i>Pigwacket</i>  <i>Medaganesset</i>, Chief Sachem of the <i>Ameres-</i>  <i>coggin</i></p>	}	Tribe.
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WITH OTHER

Chief Men of the said *Indian Tribes* at *Falmouth*,  
in *Casco-Bay*, *July 1732*. Annoq; Regni Regis  
GEORGII Secundi, Magnæ Britanniæ, &c. Sexto.

*Falmouth, Monday, July 24, 1732.*



IS Excellency, (who arriv'd here the 17th  
Instant, in his Majesty's Ship *Scarborough*,  
Capt. *Thomas Durel*, Commander, and  
waited the coming up of the *Indians*)  
being attended by a *Quorum* of his Ma-  
jesty's Council, and a Number of the Members of

the House of Representatives and other Gentlemen, this Day received the Sachems and other *Indians* of the *Eastern Tribes*, under a large Tent erected for this Occasion.

And after the *Indians* had paid the proper Respects and Salutations to His Excellency,

Capt. *John Giles*, Capt. *Samuel Jordan*, Mr. *Joseph Bane*, and Mr. *Abraham Johnson*, Interpreters of the *Indian Language*, were sworn to the faithful Performance of that Service.

And then the Conference began.

Governour. **M**Y good Friends and Brethren, I give praise to GOD the great Governour of the World, that he has brought us together at this time to see one another in Health and Safety.

I now meet you with sincere Joy and Satisfaction, to renew and establish the Peace and Friendship that has been made between us.

I am now come at the Desire of the Chiefs of the Tribes to hear what they have to offer to me.

*Toxus*. It is God who has the over-ruling Power over all things, that has brought us together at this time.

The Reason of our coming, now is our hearty Desire of Love and Friendship.

The Reason of our coming in so great a Number, is to see your Excellency ; and it is the Will of God to give us an Opportunity to wait on you.

As a Token of our being glad to see your Excellency, I shake Hands, and offer this as our Money.

(Laid down some Furs.)

*Arexis*. We have heard what your Excellency has offer'd us, and we rejoice from our Hearts.

It is the greatest Motive to Friendship and Love, that we should openly see one another.

It is the ordering of Providence, that we have now the Opportunity of seeing one another.

As your Excellency sees me, it is all one as if our Chief had waited on you ; and this is a Pledge of it.  
(Laid down some Furs.)

Govern.

*Govern.* The *Penobscut* Men told me, when they came to see me, that it was a busy Time, and therefore there could not come any more of them to this Place ; I shall therefore be ready to give you all the Dispatch that you desire, that so you may return to your homes as soon as you shall think fit : and I shall give you a Signal when you shall see me here again. I would not hurry you into any thing, for I am glad of your Company : But I shall be ready to hear what you have to say, when you are ready, that so you mayn't be detain'd longer than you desire.

*Arexis.* We are not in haste, but desire longer Time to discourse with your Excellency.

*Govern.* I desire you may consider of every thing that may tend to lengthen out the Peace and Tranquillity between us.

Whenever you have a mind to speak with the Governour, if you will send to me, I will give the Signal to call the Tribes together, which will be the firing a Gun from the Man of War, and hoisting the King's Jack on the Main Top-Mast-Head.

I will give you King GEORGE's Colours to be carried in the Head of such Canoe, as you shall agree on, in Token of your Subjection to his Majesty ; It is such a Flag as I carry in my own Boat.

A Motion being made by the *Indians*, that a Doctor should be order'd to look after one of their People that was sick: The Governour directed Dr. *Noyes* to take care of him ; and acquainted them, that if any other of them were sick, they should be as well taken care of as himself, if he were sick.

And the *Indians* then took their Leave.

*Tuesday, July 25. 1732.*

THE Signal being given by his Excellency's Order for the *Indians* coming over to the Conference, they came from *Hog-Island* with *French* Colours in two of their Canoes, and without the *English* Flag which the Governour gave them. Upon which, his Excellency sent a Message to them, to  
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signify his Displeasure on this Occasion, and to let them know, that he would not see them to-day, and to order their immediate Return, and to give them a strict Charge to come over at all times with the *English* Colours, and not presume to wear the *French*. Whereupon they returned to their Camp at *Hog-Island*.

*Wednesday, July, 26. 1732.*

**T**HE *Indians* sent a Message this Morning to the Governour to apologize for their not wearing the *English* Colours, and wearing the *French*, alledging that they were generally ignorant of the *English* Flag being deliver'd, and to promise Obedience to his Excellency's Order in this Matter for the future.

*Post Meridiem.*

The *Indians*, upon the Signal given, came ashore with the *English* Flag, and without *French* Colours, according to Order.

*Govern.* I am glad that you are arrived safe and in Health. (*To the Chief of the Penobscut Tribe, and others lately arrived.*)

I hope God smiles upon this Interview, since he orders his Sun to shine gloriously upon us, which I trust is a happy Prefage of the good Success of this Affair.

When I saw you last, I told you that I was ready to hear what you had to offer to me, and that I should be glad to join with you in every thing that tends to a happy Peace.

*Loron.* Brother, as you pleased to mention the Almighty, who has the Care over all things, and whom it has pleased, that we should see one another; All the Tribes are come with a good Design, and we hope that God will strengthen the Peace and Unity.

*Wiwurna.* He that spake last, spake the Minds of all the Tribes; all, both old and young, rejoice to hear your Excellency speak of Peace and Friendship. God alone is the Giver of all these Blessings.

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It shall be mentioned over the whole Continent, that your Excellency is a Lover of Peace.

*Govern.* The great God is the Giver of Love and Peace; when *Jesus Christ*, the great Saviour of the World, came down among Men, he said, *Blessed are the Peace-Makers*. I hope Peace and Friendship will continue among the *English* and *Indians*, to the Children that are unborn.

*Wabway.* I am well pleased to hear your Excellency mention God's Name, who is the Giver and Orderer of Peace. It is God's Will and Pleasure that we have the Opportunity at this time to see one another. We rejoice that your Excellency mentions the Continuance of Friendship from one Generation to another; and we all, old Men and young, join in that Wish.

I put this as a Pledge to tie hand in hand the Peace that is made, from one Generation to another. (*Laid down some Furs.*)

I lay this over as a Shade that nothing may fall upon the Peace, but that we may walk under it as a Shelter, that nothing may molest us or our Children after us. (*Laid down more Furs.*)

*Loron.* As your Excellency was pleased to mention God's over-ruling Hand, and to desire that there might be a lasting Peace; it is likewise our Desire that it may be so.

And if any thing of Difference should happen, we desire that Methods may be taken to decide things, for we are all one. All the Body of *Indians* salute your Excellency as a Confirmation of this.

*Govern.* I have been sixteen Days from *Boston*; and have been waiting for the *Indians* eight Days. If you have any thing to offer, I should be glad to hear it now, or to-morrow, or at any other time. If you have any thing to offer for making the Trade more advantageous, I should be glad to hear it. I hope you are treated with Justice and Kindness at the Trading Houses.

*Loron.*

*Loron.* If your Excellency has any thing to offer to us, we desire you to mention it.

*Govern.* I came here at the Desire of your Chief, Capt. *Loron*, and others of the *Penobscut* Tribe, who sent me a Letter which was signed at the Fort at St. George's.

*Loron.* We could not desire your Excellency to give your self the Trouble to come to this Place; but when I heard last Winter, that you were coming this way, we told your Excellency, that as many of us as could, would meet you here.

*Govern.* How many of the *Penobscut* Tribe are present here?

*Loron.* We can't tell, not having counted them.

*Govern.* How many have you left behind?

*Loron.* When we have counted these, we shall know how many are left: The whole are about one hundred Men.

*Govern.* I have Complaints from the Fathers that the *English* sell the *Indians* Rum, and that they abuse them with it; and I shall be glad to hear from you what Means may be used for preventing this Mischief for the future.

*Loron.* As a Peace is concluded, there is nothing of any great Moment to be discoursed of, but such things as will take up but little time.

*Govern.* What I say to you is a serious thing: You profess to worship God and *Jesus Christ*, and while you are drunk, you mock him, and wrong your selves for this World and that to come. When the Rum prevails, you are like *Beavers*, *Bears*, and *Otters*, and don't shew your selves after the Image of God, in which you were made; and if there were no World to come, where you are to answer for this Wickedness; you hurt your selves with Rum, as to your Interest in this World; and ill Men cheat you when you are drunk with it, and make you give two Skins for one. This is a serious Matter, and deserves Consideration.

*Loron.*

*Loron.* We will think of what your Excellency mentions to us.

*Govern.* I have more things to mention.

I have been to *St. George's*, according to my Duty to King *George*, to view the King's Fort and the Land there, to consider what may be the most advantageous to the King and his People, to be done in that River.

I have been to *Brunswick* and *Richmond*, to see the King's Forts there; and at *Cusbnock* and other Places on *Kennebeck* River, to see the King's Lands there, and I would have gone further, even to *Norridgewock* and *Penobscut*, if any of the Tribes had been there to accompany me. And as I went into your Country, I should be glad to see you at *Boston*. Brothers and Friends should visit one another at their several Houses. It was in confidence of your sincere Disposition to Peace, that I travell'd into those Parts.

I hope you find the Trading Houses commodious for you, and that you are supplied cheaper there, than by the *French* at *Canada*.

The Government takes care that you be supplied cheaper than their own People: And I hope the more you are acquainted with the *English* at *Falmouth*, and other Towns in these Parts, you will find these Settlements commodious and beneficial to you.

And as *Loron* said, if there should be any Cloud hanging over the Peace, you will take care that we be informed timely of it.

Your coming hither to meet the Governour will not be such a Proof of your Friendship, as your giving notice of these things, and practising Friendship with us.

I have no doubt but the more you are acquainted with the *English*, the more you will love them.

It shall be so much my care to seek your Interest and Advantage, as I doubt not will oblige you to sincere Friendship.

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The Government here have settled a Minister at *St. George's*, and there will be another at *Richmond*. They will be always ready to instruct you in the Principles of the Christian Religion, and teach your Children to read and write, which shall be without any Cost to you.

If you are willing to send your Children to *Boston*, they shall be brought up to Learning at the College, that so they may officiate as Fathers among you, and teach you the true Religion, and their Education shall cost you nothing.

Tho' you have learnt Religion of the *French*, which you may apprehend to be a good one, yet you should not be averse to look into another. Before you knew the *French* Religion, you thought the *Pagan* Religion to be a good one; but when you were taught the *French* Religion, you thought that better. And so when you are instructed in the *English* Religion, you may think that still better than the *French*.

If you have a mind to understand the true *English* Religion, it shall cost you nothing; and when you understand it, you will certainly know that you are cheated, when your Sins are pretended to be pardoned for Skins. This is all a Cheat and Deceit: None can pardon Sins but *Jesus Christ*; and he does it freely, without Money and without Price. All that the Priests make you pay, they put in their own Pockets.

I would have you seriously to consider this, and not to be so much prejudiced, as not to desire to know further.

If you don't remember what I have now said to you, it shall be written down, that you may carry it with you.

*Loron*. We will consider of what your Excellency has said.

*Govern*. I have nothing further to say now, but we will drink King *George's* Health. *Wahway*.



*Wahway.* We desire the Favour of a House to shelter us, at the Trading House on *Saco* River.

*Govern.* I'll take Care of it.

*Wahway.* As your Excellency said, that any thing that was prejudicial to us should be mentioned; I would acquaint you, that the *English* young Men hunt the *Bever* among us, whereby there is a danger of a Misunderstanding.

*Govern.* Fishing, Fowling, and Hunting, are free to King *George's* Subjects in his Lands; and you have free Liberty to use that Privilege any where in the King's Lands. You are King *George's* Subjects, and so are we: You have acknowledged your Allegiance to him, a great while ago. We are Brothers, and should hunt and live together.

I have been to *Cushnock*, to pitch upon a Place for building a good Town for the *English* and *Indians* to live together, that they may have a Church there, and a Father to teach them the true Religion and the Way to Heaven.

*Thursday, July 27. 1732.*

*Toxus.* **T**HE *Penobscut* Tribe only is to speak, and what they say, the others join with them in it.

*Loron.* Friend, we have been thinking of what your Excellency said to us yesterday, and we will now make Answer to it: As to the Lands, which you said are yours, what we shall say will not be new, but what has been formerly said. Your Excellency will go on in the way that former Governours have gone in; which are the Articles of Peace made between us, which are to be observed.

As to Prayers, it was mentioned in the Treaty, that there should be no Dispute about Religion. It would be a light Proceeding in us, to answer what you have said on that Affair: We are too few to enter into this Dispute, which is a weighty Matter: There are other Tribes to be discoursed with; and when we know their Mind, we shall be better able

to answer: We had the Advice of the other Tribes about the Peace; and therefore we think it proper, to have their Advice in this Affair.

As to what was said of our Children, we are not qualified to answer as to the Proposal for their Education, we being but few here, and the other Tribes being concerned in it.

*Govern.* I am glad you find the Road so plain to walk in. This Government will strictly observe the Articles of Peace, by which we are bound to each other. I meet you further to strengthen the Articles of Peace, and should be glad from time to time to hear from you what will farther promote it.

As to the Settlement of the Lands and the making of Towns in King *George's* Lands, it shall always be according to the Treaties. I did not mention the Matter of Religion to make any Jar between us, but offer'd it as an Instance of my brotherly Love; and because I am perfectly satisfied, it is the best way to your Interest in this World, and in the World to come. God has given you Reason to examine into Matters of Religion. It will do you no hurt to examine into the *English* Religion, for then you can choose that which you shall judge is the best. The Government is willing to instruct you on free Cost. I have nothing to do with the foreign Nations; you have said, you are free Men, and you are my Brethren. When you received the Popish Priest, it was at your own Election.

*Loron.* We did not intend the *French*, but the other Tribes of *Indians*, when we talk'd of advising.

*Govern.* This is a great and serious Affair, and I desire you would consider of it; for we shall willingly send Ministers to instruct you in Religion, and Schoolmasters to teach you to read and write: And if at any time, you will send your Children among us to be educated, they shall be treated with that Kindness, as if they were our own Children.

Nothing

Nothing can be more for your Interest than to have the Trade under good Regulation, and especially that the private Traders should be discountenanced ; for I have Complaints from the Priests and others, that they abuse you by selling you Rum, and making you drunk.

*Loron.* Your Excellency is in the right ; there is much Mischief, by their selling us so much Rum.

*Govern.* There is no way to prevent this, but by your not trading with the private Traders, but at the Truck-houses only.

*Loron.* It is much to our Advantage to have all other Goods but Rum brought near us ; but it is hurtful to us to bring Rum among us.

*St. George's* is a great way from us, the Traders bring Goods near us ; but it would be well if we could have their Goods at a cheaper Rate.

*Govern.* The Price of Goods at the Truck-houses is stated by the Government ; and the Truck-Masters can't impose upon you : but the Government can't restrain the private Traders as to their Price. This is what I offer in Friendship to you ; for the private Traders do you so much Mischief with their Rum, that it is as bad as if they should shoot you.

*Loron.* We only mention it to your Excellency ; we don't suppose that the private Traders can be forced to sell at a Price, but we should be glad it might be ; and that they might be restrained from selling Rum.

There is not a prudent Care as to the giving out of Liquor at *St. George's* ; they give the *Indians* too much Rum, which makes them drunk ; and we desire therefore that Care may be taken to prevent it.

*Govern.* I will give effectual Orders that you shan't be abused by the issuing of Rum at the Truck-houses.

By the Articles of Peace King GEORGE has Power to settle Towns on his Lands ; and I propose to settle a Town at *Cushnock*, and then the Trade will be nearer to you.

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When I propose any thing, and you don't object, I suppose you consent. If there shou'd be a Town, you shall have Lands there, and live with the *English*. In the Southern Parts of this Province, the *Indians* have Towns, and live and dress as the *English* do.

*Loron.* It is not our Way to give a sudden Answer to what is proposed.

*Govern.* This Proposal I made to you yesterday.

You told me yesterday, that there was not much Business, the Peace being already concluded ; this Interview was only to see one another. I have been a great while from *Boston*, and the King's Business requires my speedy Return thither. I shall be glad, if you have any thing to offer, you would mention it this Afternoon : For I purpose you shall dine with me to-morrow, in order to dismiss you the Day after.

In all things we should be frank and open, and no body should be here that are afraid to be known. This I say, because I hear there are two *French* Men present ; and I shou'd not care if their Master was here too. I will always do Justice to you ; but I will support King GEORGE'S Honour, who is Lord and Sovereign here ; and the *French* shall know it.

How many *French* Men are here ?

*Loron.* This Morning we happened to see some Strangers ; but they came in a Vessel on their own Affairs.

It is true, that we are to speak freely to one another ; for by the Articles of Peace we are to use this Freedom ; and we shall be very open with your Excellency as to what concerns us.

*Govern.* My Heart is much engaged to prevent the Mischief of the private Trade ; the Government receives no Damage by it ; but there is Danger that it will make a Misunderstanding between us : For by this Means you have had such Injustice done you, as the Government can't set to rights ; but these  
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Abuses will not be offer'd you at the publick Truck-house.

*Loron.* We are to speak every thing that is true, and hide nothing. As to the Trade, it was agreed, that we should have the Goods as cheap as at *Boston*; and the Governour told us, that Goods would be govern'd by the foreign Markets, sometimes cheaper and sometimes dearer; but the Goods have always risen in their Price.

*Govern.* You have the Goods as the Market governs, and at as cheap a Rate as you can buy any where else, and cheaper than our own People can have them at the Truck-houses.

*Wiwurna.* As you are pleased to mention a Trading-house at *Cushnock*, it is too weighty for me to lift; but we will consider of it, and return an Answer to it. There are many Persons interested in it; if it were all my own Land, I would say you should be welcome to it, Brother; but if I should say so, without the Consent of the other Owners, I should make myself a Jest among them.

*Govern.* You all agreed, that the *Penobscut* Tribe should speak for all. And I was pleased to find that my Design of Building a Town at *Cushnock* was so agreeable to your Thoughts, for they said the nearer the Trade was the better; and from the Building of this Town, you would reap that immediate Advantage.

*Wiwurna.* Our Armourer at *Richmond* is dead, and we are at a loss for mending our Arms.

*Govern.* I will take care to send you an Armourer when I get home. It is now Dinner-time, and I will send you some Refreshment, and meet you again at three a-Clock.

*Wabway.* I speak for the *Amerefcoggin* Indians. We should be glad to have a Trading-house near us: As your Excellency said we should speak of any

any Grievance as to the Trade ; *Adiawando* and his People are dissatisfied that a *Negro* has the Ordering of the Trade at *Saco-River*. We did not know that King *GEORGE* was served by *Negroes*.

*Govern.* That *Negro* is a Servant to the Truck-Master, and he must have somebody to manage the Trade in his Absence ; that *Negro* is a very honest Man. *GOD* made us of different Colours, the *Negroes* black, the *Indians* not so black, and the *English* white ; and I don't despise the *Indians* because they are not so white as the *English*, for they are as *GOD* made them.

As to the Proposal of a Trading-House for the *Amerescoggin* Indians, I will consider of it, and give you an Answer in the Afternoon.

*Loron.* The Smith at *St. George's* does not take proper Care to mend our Arms, but does it negligently.

*Govern.* I will take Care to have this Matter also rectified.

*Post Meridiem.*

*Govern.* I have considered what has been moved as to a Truck-House for the *Amerescoggin* Indians. And I find the *Amerescoggins* and *Pigwackets* are all one Tribe, that the *Pigwackets* are seated near the Truck-House on *Saco River*, and the *Amerescoggins* are near *Richmond* Truck-House ; that it is a great Charge to the Government to keep a Truck-House ; as they are near *Saco* on one side, and *Richmond* on the other, I don't doubt but they may be well accommodated.

*Loron.* Brother, You have not given us any answer as to the Rum that is given out at *George's* Truck-House.

*Govern.* I will give special Direction that for the future it shall be given out in a prudent manner, so as not to be hurtful to you.

*Loron.* I have something to offer further. Your Excellency was pleased to say we should speak plainly; As to the distant Tribes, we think there is something yet wanting. As there is Friendship, we wonder that Powder should be wanting for us to fire a little with. It was mention'd at the Treaty, that Powder should be given to each Tribe. If the Present should be given, those that are at a distance would think that there is Love between us; and we are of Opinion that when other Tribes see it, they would think there is hearty Love between us.

*Govern.* What do you mean by what you say of Powder?

*Loron.* We mean a Present of Powder and Shot, which was mention'd in the Treaty. As to the Sloop that comes a Trading to *Penobscut*, we don't desire they should be forbid, because it is profitable to us, but only we are willing they should be forbid bringing of Rum.

*Govern.* I am glad it lies much upon your Mind to have the Trade of Rum prevented. There is no such effectual Way to prevent your being drown'd with Rum, as your not having to do with private Traders. If it will be a Convenience for a Sloop to come Spring and Fall to *Penobscut* River, I will endeavour that the Government shall send a Sloop at those Seasons, to bring them every thing but Rum; and I hope you will not be discontented, if I order my People not to trade with you in that Article.

As to what you mention about Powder, I will consider of it, and I doubt not but you will be gratified in that Particular; and it shall rest upon my Mind, and I will not forget to endeavour that it be done.

*Loron.* We have another small Matter to say: When we come to *St. George's* we have not Liberty



to lie in any of the Houses, but are exposed to lie abroad in the Rain and bad Weather; we therefore desire a House to lodge in.

*Govern.* I will take Care that you have a House to lodge in.

*Wiwurna.* I will tell your Excellency of something that happen'd this Summer: Your Excellency's Young Men and ours met at *Brunswick*, and there was a Difference, and the *English* Man wounded the *Indian* very much, tho' he never offer'd to strike him again; and if each Party don't take Care to avoid Quarrels, it will endanger a Misunderstanding between the *English* and *Indians*.

*Govern.* 'Tis the first Time I have heard of it. I will give Order to my Captains to see that you be treated with Justice and Kindness. I am afraid the Rum was the occasion of this Difference, which shews the Necessity of your being restrain'd from that Liqueur. I am now told that this Difference arose from some of the *Indians* first insulting *Lieut. Jaques*.

*Wiwurna.* We desire that *Capt. Bane* may be continued Interpreter at *Richmond*, because it is a great Help to us as to our Language.

*Govern.* When I was in *Kennebeck* River, I had Complaints from the Inhabitants that they could keep no Sheep for the *Indian* Dogs: By the Treaty you are obliged to muzzle them. It may seem a light Matter to you, to keep your Dogs loose, but it is a great Discouragement to the *English*. As I shall strictly observe every Article of the Peace, so I except you should, and therefore you must take Care to keep your Dogs from doing this Mischief to the *English* Inhabitants.

I have a Complaint against one of the young Men of the *Norridgewock* Tribe from one *Samuel Harden*, that they kill'd five of his Horses at *Hunnawell's* Point,



Point, to the Value of *Forty Pounds*, for which he has had no Satisfaction. Taking away Men's Estates, is like taking away their Lives; and their denying it will not excuse them. All the Articles of the Peace are made in the Presence of *GOD*, who observes these things; and I expect Satisfaction for this Injury. I observe your Young Men smile at this; but it is a serious Matter; if you are in want, you must tell us of it. These things will endanger a War. You wou'd think it very hard, if our young Men should steal your Skins. I believe one of those young Men is here now; and I would have him come and tell me why he killed those Horses.

*Packahumboit*. I know nothing more of the Matter, than that the Man that kill'd the Horses is gone to *Canada*. I would not deny it if I were guilty.

*Govern*. It adds to the Guilt to deny the Fact. And I suppose your Father does not teach you to do such things, and then deny it. You should follow such Instructions as are good from your Father.

*Packah*. I had some of the Meat, but I did not kill the Horses.

*Govern*. I have reason to think you did it; and if you go on in such Practices, it will bring on great Inconvenience. If you can take God and Christ to witness, that you did not shoot at those Horses, I shall believe you.

*Packah*. I call God to Witness, that I did not kill those Horses; it was a *Canada Indian*: I saw him shoot at them, and I ate of the Meat.

*Govern*. When my People complain to me of such Injuries, it is my Duty as their Father to see that they be righted. These things will be of evil Consequence; and I hope both old Men

and young will take care to prevent them for the future.

*Quenois.* As to the *Norridgewock* young Men, they never did any harm to the *English* in their River ; but we have heard of the Matter, and the thing was done by *Canada Indians*.

*Govern.* I have a Complaint from Mr. *Vaughan* of your killing his Cattle at *Mantinicus*, six Years ago, for which he has had no Satisfaction from you, tho' he has often demanded it : The Value was 30 l. He complains also of your killing an Ox two Years ago, in the same Place.

*Lewis.* As to what was killed six Years ago, it could not cost that Money ; but we have often urged the *Indians* to pay the Damage, but we could not persuade them.

*Govern.* I have Capt. *Job's* and *Ahanquid's* Note for 32 lb. of Bever, to satisfy for this last Damage.

It is a great Dishonour to the whole Tribe, and to Counsellors and Captains, not to have a Regard to their Words. King *GEORGE* brings his Captains and Counsellors into Disgrace, if they don't regard their Promises ; and they are put in Prison till they are made honest.

*Lewis.* We were desir'd by Capt. *Lane* to go and kill these Creatures, and he gave us Powder and Shot for that purpose.

*Govern.* But you killed two instead of one.

*Pierpeau.* It is true, there were two ; but it was by Mistake that two were killed.

*Govern.* You had the Flesh of one, and have not paid for it. When do you intend to pay the 32 lb. of Bever, for which you have given your Note ?

*Pierpeau.* We will think of it, and pay the Debt in the Fall of the Year.

*Govern.*

*Govern.* If you will promise before your Chiefs, that you will pay this in the Fall of the Year, and then do it, it will be to Satisfaction.

*Indians.* We promise it.

*Govern.* How do you propose to give Mr. *Vaughan* Satisfaction for the Cattle that were killed six Years ago?

*Indians.* We have promised to make Satisfaction, and shall endeavour to make it.

*Govern.* I don't mention this to make any Jarring between us, but to prevent it. What I say, is to establish and lengthen out our good Peace. We must be very careful to be honest and just to one another. I could upon these Occasions do Justice to King *George's* Men, by punishing those that make such Breaches on the Peace; but I choose this Method to shew my Respect to you, and to prevent these Mis-carriages for the future; and I hope they will take care that Mr. *Vaughan* has Justice done him. This Matter is over for the present.

*Loron.* Two of our Dogs were killed at St. *George's* (which we value at 10 l. a-piece) for nothing but barking at a Cow; but we should not have spoke of this Matter, if your Excellency had not mentioned the Cattle the *Indians* killed.

*Govern.* I am glad that you mention it; and if you can tell who killed the Dogs, you shall have Satisfaction, for I am sensible they are very necessary to you.

*Loron.* We made so light of the Matter, that we did not think it proper to mention it to Captain *Gyles*, and should not now speak of it, but for what has been said of our killing the Cattle; which cannot amount to near 30 l.

*Govern.* I shan't see you to-morrow, being obliged to dine out of Town; but I design you shall dine with me on *Saturday*, at twelve a Clock at furthest,

cheft, the next Day being the Lord's Day, and therefore I muft part with you before the Evening comes on.

*Loron.* We defire Mr. *Waiuwright* may come to trade with us as ufual.

We pray that the Country's Sloop may be allow'd to carry thofe back that have no Canoes.

*Govern.* The Sloop fhall carry you all back if you please.

*Wahway.* We pray that we may have an Houfe at *Saco* to fhelter us.

*Govern.* I intend you fhall have it.

*Wahway.* And that we may have a fmall Bridge there.

*Govern.* I fhall view that Truck-Houfe, and then I fhall think of the Matter.

*Loron.* Here is a *French Man* that defires the Favour of a Pafs, that he may go where his Buſinefs is.

*Govern.* I fhall confider of it. He belongs to *Mount Defert*, which is in the Government of *Nova Scotia*.

*Frenchman.* I belong to *Nova Scotia*, but I defire a Paſſport to come into this Government.

*Govern.* If you will take the Oaths of Fidelity to *King George*, you will doubtlefs have a Paſſport from this Government, to go into any Part of the King's Dominions.

*Saturday, July 29. 1732.*

*Toxus.* **F**RIEND, I have one thing to ſay to your Excellency, which I am not ſo well pleaſed with, *i. e.* that the Price of the Fall *Bever* is ſo low, it won't come to *Ten Shillings* till *Chriſtmas*. *Bever* is grown ſo ſcarce, that what one Man can get till Winter, will hardly procure a Pair of Stockings. There were formerly ſeveral things taken from the *Jefuits* at *Norridgewock*; which if they were brought

brought again to *Richmond*, we should be glad to pay for them, especially a Writing we saw at *North-Yarmouth*.

*Govern.* In whose Hands was it?

*Toxius.* One *Drinkwater's*. Captain *Woodside* of *Maquoit* has taken good care of us when we were cold and wanted any thing; and we desire that what has been said about him, may go no further.

*Govern.* It is with Pleasure that I hear what you have to say to me; and I hope what passes between us will make the Peace stronger.

It is best in time to remove every Difficulty, or else by neglect it may grow greater. There is a great Difference as you know well between Spring and Fall *Bever*: The Market in *England* will always govern the Price here; and as great Quantities of *Bever* are carried there from other Places besides this, that will have an Influence upon the Price here, whether you get much or little: I shall be glad when the Market will allow of a greater Price, which I shall let you know of; and you may depend on it, in all Cases to have strict Justice done you: We take care that the Trade be govern'd as much to your Advantage as may be. You are supplied cheaper from us than from the *French*, which is plain, because they buy of us to sell to you.

It is a great while since the Affair happen'd at *Norridgewock*, and I should be glad you had mentioned that Matter before, and then it would have been easier to have recovered those things than now: Major *Moulton* is here, who can tell you that the Plunder taken at *Norridgewock*, was divided among the Soldiers: Captain *Parker* has got the Writing you mention, and will be ready to deliver it upon your paying the Price of it; I should be glad you could have any other things return'd; but our People made but little Account of them, and I believe the most of them are lost. I

I am well pleased that Captain *Woodside* of *Maquoit* is kind to you, and I shall be glad every body else would be so too. When Captain *Woodside* does what is good, it is Praise-worthy in him; but if he breaks the Laws of the Province, he must be punished for it.

*Joby.* We mentioned the same Difficulties as to Trade, when we were at *Boston*, especially about Mr. *Noyes's* Conduct; and you said the thing was too far off to be seen, but you would enquire into it.

*Govern.* I have heard no further Complaint of these things: Mr. *Noyes* deals fairly and justly by you; It is no Interest of his to take your *Bever* at a low Price; but you may be sure you will have Justice done you.

*Joby.* When we were at *Boston*, you said to Capt. *Gyles* and Capt. *Heath*, we were so far off, you could not tell whether or no things were done as they were represented.

Sometimes Mr. *Noyes* will push us out of doors, and he don't treat us kindly.

*Govern.* If you keep your selves sober, and act like Men, neither Mr. *Noyes*, nor any body else, will, or shall push you out of doors. I must repeat what I said yesterday, that Rum makes you do what you should not do. You may remember in the Course of your Lives, that when you are sober, you are ashamed of what you do in Drink: And from these Occasions, you should resolve against drinking Rum.

*Toxus.* I have something to say concerning Liquor: Our young Men are very craving after Drink, when they have done hunting; and I desire that they may have no more than a Quart at a time allowed them.

*Govern.* I will take care that they shall have no more. You should follow the Example of that old  
Man,

Man, who has not drank any Rum these twenty Years, having seen the Evil of it.

*Toxus.* There are many People that settle on *Sheepscot* River, which is my Land: I desire that they may be good Men; and if they should be cross and morose, I shall complain of them, that so they may be removed.

*Loron.* I speak in behalf of the *Pigwackets* and *Amerefcoggins*: As your Excellency was pleased to tell them, that the *English* and they should hunt together, and both be benefited by the Hunting and Fishing; we desire that the *English* may not have the sole Advantage, for by their setting their Nets, it prevents the Fish running up the River, for the Use of the *Indians*. We desire that both *English* and *Indians* may have the Benefit of the Fish. We should be glad that Goods may be lodged at *Brunswick* Fort for the *Indian* Trade. At times when Captain *Smith* has not been at *Saco*, we pay his Negro, and then Captain *Smith* demands it again, so that we have often paid twice for the same things.

*Govern.* I should be glad you'd give an Instance of this.

*Waramanfoot.* Captain *Smith* trusted me, and I paid the Negro in his Absence; and after that, Captain *Smith* made me pay the same again. I borrowed *Eight Shillings* of Captain *Smith*, and paid the Negro, and afterwards Captain *Smith* took *Eight Shillings* more, so that I paid *Sixteen Shillings*. And at another time, I left Skins in the Negro's hands; which I was to take out in Rum, and yet the Negro made me pay for the Rum.

Captain *Smith* denied the Charge, and referr'd to his Account, and said, that upon this *Indian's* being dissatisfied, he had several times paid him twice for the same things, to make him easy.



*Govern.* This Thing is of two Years standing, and you have had an Opportunity to complain of it before, when *Adiawando* was at *Boston*; and it is very hard now to come at the Truth.

*Wavamanfoot.* When *Adiawando* went to *Boston*, there was nothing consulted; had any other Person gone, it would have been mention'd then.

*Govern.* When Capt. *Smith* goes to his Truck-house, if he can't satisfy and convince you, that he has paid you, he shall pay you then.

The *Indian* express'd himself satisfy'd.

*Govern.* The Truck-Masters are chosen by the whole Government, who take care to chuse sober, honest Men. The Price of every thing is stated to the Truck-Masters, and the Government pay them yearly for their Service, so that they can have no Interest in cheating you. And I am afraid, that the Envy and Interest of private Traders and others, is often the Foundation of your Complaints against the Truck-Masters; but if you can make out any Complaints against them, I will take care that you have Justice done you.

*Lewis.* I have nothing to say against the Truck-Master at *St. George's*; but only that a Quantity of four Meal, and damnified Tobacco, was sold out to us: It was in Mr. *Wainwright's* Time, but he was then absent.

*Govern.* Why would the *Indians* have a Truck-house at *Brunswick* rather than *Richmond*?

*Loron.* This is what I was desir'd to say.

*Govern.* I can't give an Answer till I know the Reason of this Request.

*Loron.* The *Amerescoggins* must answer for themselves, for I can't tell the Reason.

*Govern.* As to what was said about stopping the Fish in *Amerescoggin* and *Saco* Rivers; I told you the last Time that fishing was free to King *GEORGE'S* Subjects:



Subjects : If the *English* use Nets, so may you, and be furnished with them at the Truck-houses ; some of you have already bespoke such Nets, and Capt. Smith has them ready for you.

Loron. As to the Captain at *St. George's*, we have found nothing amiss in him, but like him very well, more especially for his Knowledge of our Language.

Govern. If the Sachem of the *Amerescoggin Indians* will (now he is come) give me a Reason for having the Truck-house removed from *Richmond* to *Brunswick*, I will hear him.

Adiawando. The Reason is, that in the Winter we can't travel so far as *Richmond* without great Inconvenience.

Govern. Is it better to have the Truck-house nearer, than farther off ?

Loron. I have nothing to say as to other Places : we are satisfied with the Truck-house in *St. George's* ; it is near enough for the *Penobscut Indians*.

Govern. The Truck-house at *Richmond*, is nearer to the *Amerescoggin Indians*, than that of *St. George's* to the *Penobscuts*.

Lewis. I have had no Answer as to the Meal.

Govern. I answer'd it ; it was in another Truck-Master's Time : It is hard now to find out who delivered the Meal and Tobacco : I should be glad when any thing is bad, that you would not take it, for you are not obliged to take it.

The *English* are now at Peace with all Nations, with the *Dutch*, *French*, and *Spaniards*, and there is no likelihood of War. When any thing looks like a War, I shall give you Notice of it, and expect the same from you as good Friends and Brothers.

And if any such thing as a War should happen among the Nations in *Europe*, that need not affect us ; but we may still be good Friends and Neighbours ;

and I hope in such a Case, you won't be decoy'd to your hurt.

When you have any Grievance, I invite you to come to *Boston* seasonably, that so you may be redress'd, before the thing is grown too old to make it clear, and to find out those that have done you any wrong.

Capt. *Loron* has desired of me some *English* Carpenters, to build him a House; and I have ordered Capt. *Giles* to send him Men for that Work, who will take care that he shan't be imposed upon in the Price: And if any other Persons desire Houses to be built, they shall also be assisted in it.

The Sun grows low: To-morrow will be the Lord's-Day; if you have any thing further to say, I shall willingly hear you: If not, I shall deliver you the Bounty of the Government, as a Token of our sincere Desire to maintain the Peace: And when that is done, we will drink King *GEORGE's* Health; and then I shall wish you a good Journey to your several Homes.

The *Indians* said they had done.

And then the Presents were deliver'd.



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